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Abolition of the Establishment of Daroga & a peon for the protection of Paddy Shops in Mysore.

f. 148.

(General Serial No. 71.)

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From

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To The Dy. Comm[r]-
Bangalore District
Excise Dept[t]

Dated 18[th]

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Enclosures No. one.

General No. 2728
No. 166

Subject.

In forwarding copy of letter No. 2169 of 10th July/88 from the Dy. Comm[r]- Mysore District detailing the duties on which the Toddy Darogas is employed, has the honour to state that the marginally noted Estt: is maintained in that District & to enquire if such an Estt: exists elsewhere in the other Districts of the State, it should be reported how these duties are performed.

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1 Daroga on Rs. 40/
Horse allowce - " 15/
1 Peon - 7/
62/

E
K. Sheshagiri Rao

Draft

(General Serial No. 31)

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From

512

To The Dy. Com.r, Bangalore

Dated 16/9/88

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Received

Enclosures No.

General No. 4375

No. 187

Subject Thefts

Police Office

Docket No: 2728/106

Dt. the 18th July/88,

Enquiring if the Daroga and Peons maintained in the Bazaars do exists in the other Dists & if not, by whom their duties are performed.

Requests the early submission of the report called for in the above.

Nov

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(General Serial No. 29.)

1888-89. 4879

From The Dy Commissioner
Bangalore District

To The Chief Secretary to the Dewan
of Mysore.

Dated 24th September 1888.

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Enclosures No. 1

General No

No. 409

With reference to his
Docket No. 4375 dated
24th July last enquiring
the Darogah and Peon
maintained in the Mysore
District exist in other
Districts, and if not, how
their duties are performed
I have the honor to forward
extracts of paras 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
and 6 from letter No 1209
dated 10th Instant, from the
Special Assistant Commissioner
Abkarry and Excise. The
enhanced Rates mentioned
therein can be charged
with the consent of the

Contractors, and probably it will be advisable to wait for the next Contract.

A. Shanahan
Dy Commissioner.

No 1209

Special Assistant Commissioner's Office
Abkary and Excise
Bangalore
10th September 1888

From

The Special Asstt Commissioner
Abkary and Excise in Mysore

To

The Deputy Commissioner
Bangalore

Sir,

In returning the original papers received with your Memo No 2865 dated 24th July last relative to the establishment maintained in the Mysore District to supervise Toddy work. I have the honor to state that the Daroga alluded to belonged formerly to the Mysore Distillery and although the Dewan Bahadur in Proceedings No 1382-27/91 dated 29th May 1884 directed such men should be sent when the Distillery was abolished for instruction to Bangalore this was not done but he was retained to supervise Toddy work. It can hardly be expected that one solitary individual for a whole District with little or no training or definite rules to deal with good or bad Toddy and the scientific knowledge and appearatus necessary to cope with this difficult subject could make any real headway in the matter. Of course he could see if Licenses existed and enforce some of the conditions thereof but considering the

extensive range, the great number of shops, and the isolated and inaccessible position of many of these Toddy shops the ~~[illegible]~~ work so carried on must have been of the most superficial and desultory character. I have seen none of his papers and therefore know nothing of the man nor his work.

2. Having reference to the foregoing considerations I suggested a regular staff being maintained for each district and Taluk and a moiety of the cost being borne by the Toddy Contractors as was done for arrack. The attention of such a staff could have specially been directed in the first instance to collect statistics of production and consumption. The necessary provision for a small staff was approved by you and inserted in the draft ~~notification~~ submitted to Government in the references as per margin but the Toddy Notification having been issued on the 4th January 1887, this important proposal could not be laid before the Dewan Bahadur

From Government Proceedings No 11431-8 dated 22d received 25th December 1886.
To Head Superviser No 1882 dated 27th December 1886.
From Head Superviser No A dated 30th December 1886
To Government No A dated 2d January 1887 from the Deputy Commissioner Bangalore District

[illegible], and so escaped attention.

There is no Government staff to supervise the manufacture and sale of Toddy to the Public, as far as I am aware, in any part of the Province, except

except the Darogah at Mysore. The consequence is, that instead of a good, fresh, wholesome, pleasant and refreshing beverage being vended, a stale, sour, highly diluted and often putrid stuff is given to the Public. The casks, pots and vessels used are most foul and offensive and are rarely, if ever effectually washed and cleansed out. The staff of Testers and Supervisors in the arrack branch is too small to supervise and look after Toddy and Mr. Ranga Charlu personally told me my men had work and more than enough to do to look after arrack. Toddy is thus unsupervised and left to itself and the License rules if issued at all, are not properly observed nor enforced anywhere, as it would take a large staff to do so.

5. It is of the most vital importance to Government that statistics of production and consumption should be obtained. Government will then be able to know at least approximately what income can be derived from this source; and, as in the case of arrack, be able to reject preposterous bids made by speculators to gain a certain status to enable them, as Government Toddy Contractors to secure the means to borrow ad lib. This invariably ends also in the Contractors asking on some plea or another, concessions or remissions, - entails much trouble on Deputy Commissioners to recover the Kists as they fall due

2 in the end prints the Contractors them-
selves. This tells on Government in the
form, as it is found the bids suddenly
show an unaccountable falling off in
value, as compared with previous years.

To secure the staff needed, I would
suggest that the cost be thrown on the
consumer by stocking on, as in the case
of arrack a small cess say of one pie
per seer. If the Toddy is good and pure,
it will not be felt, as it would replace
that which is now bad and largely diluted.
Where Beer and Akky boja are available,
the Toddy and arrack suffer for the
want of proper supervision over Toddy,
and Akky boja. The two latter con-
tain such a large percentage of alcohol
and bear so nominal a tax, that so fostered
are left unsupervised this tells on the
revenue from the heavier excised items
of arrack and Toddy. This cess could
be levied at once and the staff employed
to check results and enforce the rules
specially especially (Rule XII in tapping
and trees. The guaranteed amounts
from the Toddy Contracts of the Bangalore,
Kolar and Tumkur Districts aggregate
Rs

Rs 2,95045/-. Taking the average maximum price ——— of a seer of Toddy at 1/3 anna for both Town and country places all round, it will be seen that this will give 3,54,045 seers for the 3 Districts alone. This would give at 1 pie per seer ~~at~~ Rs 18440/- yearly and would be far under the mark. By allowing the Contractors to raise the price of Toddy all round for the whole Province by one pie per seer, it will be seen that ample means will thus be provided to secure the staff needed to supervise this item of Revenue all over the Province.

6. It is of the greatest importance that the Contractors and their Shikunidars should keep and produce the accounts required under condition VIII of the Agreement and I would suggest a copy of those returns be sent to this office for each District, as that the data may be collected and collated for the whole Province for publication triennially for each new Contract.

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" Extract "

" Name tea

Sd/ J. G. McDonnell
Spl Apl Commr
Abkari & Excise

Sd/ [illegible]
Offg Dy: Commissioner

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(General Serial No. 30.)

1889.

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From

To The Excise Commissioner
Comptroller
Dr Customs Inspector

Dated 4th June/89.

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Enclosures No.

~~General~~ *No.* 182-4.

No.

[illegible] employment, to retire
[illegible] on the pension or
gratuity to which they
may be entitled, giving
them three months' notice
as required by the Civil
Pension Code -

[illegible]

To. The Excise Comm^r.
of Myore
" The Comptroller
" The Dy Comm^r of Mysore

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